

Appleby Archaeology Group

Notes of The Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group which took place on Tuesday January 13th 2004 in the Supper Room, Market Hall, Appleby at 7pm.

Present

Committee members

Harry Hawkins Chairman
Richard Stevens Vice Chairman
Tricia Crompton Treasurer
Martin Joyce Publicity officer
Martin Railton Newsletter Editor
Phyllis Rouston Secretary

Members of the group 14

Apologies for Absence Marjorie Campion

Notes of the last AGM 14/01/04

The notes had been circulated to all members with the autumn Newsletter. Those present agreed that they were a correct record.

1/2004 Matters arising from the notes

There were no matters arising from the notes.

2/2004 Chairman's report

The chairman was pleased to report that meetings had been well attended over the year suggesting that the venue, speakers and coffee were providing the right mix. Outdoor activities had been less well attended. He asked members to let the committee know of any suggestions they had for the programme.

He reported that on the three survey days at Kirklands all the main features south west of the track to Crossfell had been surveyed. The subgroup had proposed that the more prominent features should be looked at in more detail and it was planned to do this on the first Saturday of the month starting in April 2004. All members were welcome to become involved. Details will be in the next Newsletter.

He reported on the success of the Artefacts Day and thanked the Local Neighbourhood Forum for their grant, the members who had contributed to its success and the visiting experts. The only disappointment had been that few members, other than those directly involved, came on the day.

He then congratulated Martin Railton on gaining an MA, with distinction, from Durham University and noted that the group now has two working archaeologists.

He concluded by thanking the committee and membership for their support

3/2004 Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined the year's activities. There had been seven talks covering most archaeological periods, three walks or visits and three days surveying at Kirklands. The secretary thanked the Newsletter editor for his hard work in ensuring members were kept informed of activities.

4/2004 Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report for the year 2003 was tabled. The group had a balance of £330.50 for the year 2004 (2003 £165 90). The report was proposed by Colin Albon and seconded by Margaret Albon and approved by the meeting.

The treasurer then proposed that subscriptions should be increased by £1 to £8 for individual members and £2 to £14 for joint membership as from January 2005. The proposal was seconded by Margaret Albon and approved by the meeting.

The Treasure proposes to have the accounts audited.

5/2004 Election of Officers

The chairman advised the membership that the present committee were prepared to take office for the year 2004. This was approved by the meeting. The committee is seeking another member to join them.

6/2004 Appleby Archaeology Time Tours

Martin Joyce, Publicity Officer, invited members to participate in a project to create an Internet Web site for the Group and use this to publish a list of "Time Tours" of the Eden Valley. Each Time Tour would give information on a selection of historical sites chosen to illustrate a particular theme or topic and designed to provide an enjoyable "day out" for visitors to the area. The aim would be to provide a service to the local tourist industry, to develop and consolidate our own skills knowledge and to promote the Group.

An information/response sheet was handed out and details will be in the Newsletter.

Alice Palmer advised the meeting of a similar work done for a walk round Appleby

7/2004 Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

PHR January 16th 2004